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### **HEAVY FINES FOR SHOOTING DOVES IN TEXAS**

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Heavy fines penalized three violators of the mourning dove hunting laws late in September in Hood and McLennan counties, Texas, reports the Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

W. W. Cobb of Fort Worth, Texas, was arrested and fined \$100 in the State Court on September 26 for shooting from an automobile and killing three mourning doves.

Frank Burleson of Waco, Texas, also was fined \$100. He was arrested for killing doves in excess of the bag limit. After shooting 15 birds on the morning of September 15, he returned in the afternoon to kill 15 more. W. D. Johnston of Waco, Texas, who was shooting with Burleson, was charged with killing mourning doves deliberately in excess of the bag limit and had 30 more than the legal limit in his possession. He was fined \$400. All of these offenses were in violation of State and Federal regulations under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

In Texas the dove hunting season in Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Wise, Denton, Collin, Hunt and all counties north of these and in the counties of Parker, Tarrant, Dallas, Rockwall, Kaufman, Johnson, Hopkins, Delta, and Franklin is from September 1 to October 31. In other counties the season runs from September 15 to November 15.

Roscoe Parks and Samuel D. Turner, State game wardens, with whom the Federal enforcement authorities have been working in close cooperation to protect migratory birds, were responsible for making the arrests leading to the convictions.

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